

Arithmetic Purity for Strong Approximation

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- k : number field
- $\Omega_k = \Omega_k^f \sqcup \infty_k$ set of places
- k_v for $v \in \Omega_k$
- $\mathcal{O}_v \subset k_v$ for $v \in \Omega_k^f$
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- X : smooth variety over k (variety = separated scheme of finite type, geometrically integral)
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